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Aridor claims budgetary victory

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor last night claimed victory in his struggle to raise IS\$5 billion with a two-pronged strategy of reducing state spending and mustering new income through taxation and various fees.

"It appears we have done it," a weary but confident Aridor told reporters summoned hurriedly to his office in Jerusalem. "To be precise, we have accounted so far for IS\$5.5, but for IS\$4.985b. Of this sum, IS\$3b. is still under negotiation between Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and myself."

"On the other hand, another IS\$4b. is almost in the bag — IS\$3b. to be saved by cancelling the work holiday proclaimed for October 25, date of the municipal elections, and IS\$1b. from a special fee we shall impose on all state-assisted but non-governmental organizations, based upon their budgets."

New economic measures
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Aridor gave the following breakdown, approved by the cabinet on Sunday, but not made public until yesterday.

(One item — cancellation of birth grants for mothers — was specifically denied by a cabinet spokesman Sunday night, but "corrected" by Aridor last night.)

Agreed-upon cuts in the budgets of government ministries — IS\$30-785m.; cancellation of next October's candidate and party financing law — IS\$500m.; income taxes on a family's first two child allowances — IS\$1,900m.; National Insurance Institute cuts and new revenues (cancellation of birth grant, increased contributions from self-employed, reduced late-retirement benefits, increased

penalties for late payments) — IS\$2-800m.; taxes and fees (travel tax and purchase taxes) — IS\$10b.; a supplementary 1 per cent budget cut from all ministries — IS\$6b.; and school and university budget reductions (still under discussion) — IS\$3b.

Cancellation of party financing and the work holiday for the upcoming municipal elections on October 25 will require convening of the Knesset, since these two measures were written into law before the Knesset rose for its summer recess.

Claiming that such substantial budget cuts as those approved by the cabinet are "unprecedented in Israeli history," Aridor lunged into a bitter attack on Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel for allegedly refusing to enter into negotiations on a wage-price-taxation package deal.

He said: "The Histadrut is attempting to dodge a basic economic

Tami is holding back on break with coalition

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tami's secretariat yesterday recommended that the party quit the coalition, while Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan said he believes the government would fall shortly after the walkout.

If Tami's three Knesset members break away, the coalition would have — on paper — the support of 61 of the 120 MKs. But the backing of at least two of the remaining 61 — Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman — is considered tenuous.

But it is still too early to predict the government's downfall. Yesterday's decision by Tami's 15-member secretariat is merely a recommendation to the party's 450-member central committee, which is to meet next week. In the meantime, Tami will try to squeeze its coalition partners into amending some of the decisions the cabinet took on Sunday and imposing a larger share of the economic burden on the well-to-do.

Some observers suggested that if from of payment Tami is seeking is a Knesset decision not to suspend former Religious Affairs minister and party leader Aharon Abuhata-



Labour Minister Aharon Uzan (left) with his Tami Party colleague, MK Aharon Abuhatazeira at yesterday's meeting of the party secretariat.

zeira while he serves a three-month jail sentence for embezzlement and breach of trust when he was Ramle mayor.

But MK Yossi Sarid (Labour), who is pushing for the suspension, along with Mapam, Shinui and the

Four IDF soldiers wounded in Bekaa Valley bomb blast

Post Defence Correspondent

Four Israeli soldiers were wounded, three of them lightly, in Lebanon yesterday, when an explosive charge was detonated one kilometre north of Amik in the eastern sector.

Shortly after the incident, Israeli forces in the area launched a search for the attackers. They found the tracks of at least three men leading to Syrian lines.

During the pursuit, Israel Defence Forces artillery fired several salvos.

The charge went off when the soldiers, driving in a jeep and an armoured personnel carrier, were patrolling the area. Amik is one of the closest points of IDF deployment opposite the Syrians in the

Bekaa Valley.

Military sources said yesterday this incident was probably not connected with the IDF's pending withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains, but predicted that in coming days Israeli forces in the area to be vacated might come under increased attack.

The Druse in the Shouf are reported to have prepared a full-scale battle plan to take over areas of strategic importance to them, before Phalangie or Lebanese Army units move in to replace the IDF. As a result, military planners have taken into account that the withdrawal — the timing of which still has to be decided — may take place under fire, and they have taken the necessary measures to minimize the threat.

Israel to aid Liberia in farming and medicine

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel experts are to leave soon for Liberia to examine the country's agricultural problems and draw up an aid plan. This was agreed yesterday in meetings held in Jerusalem by Liberian President Samuel Doe with Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Also promised is aid in the treatment of eye diseases in Liberia and cooperation in the establishment of a Liberian national maritime company. (See page 2)

Doe and his party are the first black African leaders officially to visit Israel since most of the continent's states severed diplomatic relations with Israel following the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

Yesterday the Liberian leaders met with Begin and Shamir for talks and a working lunch.

Begin expressed gratitude to Doe for his "courageous decision to re-establish diplomatic relations." He said he hopes others would follow in Doe's footsteps.

The major subjects of discussion yesterday were Libya's invasion of Chad and relations between Israel and Liberia. The Liberians asked for Israel's aid in improving their country's agriculture, upgrading its ophthalmology services and the creation of a national shipping line.

Later, at a state dinner at Beit Hanassi, Doe said, "A just and lasting peace cannot prevail in the Middle East without due recognition of the God-given rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to a state of their own."

"Care must be taken not to allow Israel's legitimate need to defend itself to be equated to a situation where those who have been seen as victims of suffering are perceived as inflicting suffering on others," Doe said.

Throughout his speech, Doe reiterated Liberia's admiration for Israel and hailed the ties which have linked the two countries since 1948.

Doe said that Libya's continued intervention in Chad is viewed by Liberia "with utmost regret and dismay."

He called on the world to support "the legitimate government of President Hissene Habre in order to resist Libyan aggression and preserve Chadian sovereignty."

President Chaim Herzog, who hosted the dinner, also devoted part of his speech to the Libyan invasion of Chad. He charged that Col. Muammar Gaddafi is trying to turn Chad "into a vassal state and the springboard for further aggression into Africa."

Earlier in the day, Doe visited Yad Vashem. He also laid a wreath at the grave of Theodor Herzl, before proceeding to the Knesset where he inspected an honour guard and was welcomed by Speaker Menahem Savidor.

Today, Doe is scheduled to meet Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Libyan 'octopus' worries Liberia

NEWS BACKGROUND/
Asher Wallfish

A number of Black African states regard the Libyan regime of Col. Muammar Gaddafi as a giant octopus spreading its deadly tentacles far and wide in the continent. Liberia is one of these states, according to Israeli sources in Jerusalem, even though Liberia does not have a common frontier with any of Gaddafi's client-states, or any state being infiltrated by Libyan agents.

"Liberians have a sort of sensation that the Libyans are creeping towards them from different directions," one source said this week.

All over Black Africa, there is anxiety over the Libyan invasion of Chad, the pro-Gaddafi coup in Upper Volta, and the presence of Libyan agents (accompanied by Cubans) in Ghana, in Niger and the Central African Republic.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin and visiting President Samuel Doe of Liberia yesterday speak to the press after their meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

One may ask in retrospect why France has woken up so late to Gaddafi's subversive activities in French-speaking African countries, and only stemmed the Libyan tide in Chad at the 11th hour, with a view to holding the Libyans, but apparently not driving them out.

Last month, before the deterioration in Chad, one of the Israelis who knows best gave me the answer: (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Shouf is quiet under truce

Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Lebanon's Shouf Mountains were quiet yesterday, as rival Druse and Christian militiamen honoured a truce following Monday's fierce artillery exchanges.

During the day special U.S. envoy Robert McFarlane conferred with Lebanese foreign minister Elie Salem on ways to reach a conciliation in the Shouf before Israel's impending pullback from the area.

There has been much speculation

in Beirut about the date of the pullback, with next Sunday being widely cited as the deadline.

However, the Lebanese government, in a message broadcast over state radio, said it had not been officially informed of this.

In Taif, Saudi Arabia, King Fahd instructed his information minister to broadcast an "urgent behest" to all warring factions in Lebanon to an immediate cease-fire to enable the Jemayel government to produce a formula for national conciliation.

MOSHAVIM IN CRISIS/Yosef Goell

Planned industrialization could provide a way out

Moshavim, like kibbutzim, were an expression of early Zionism's determination both to return to the ancestral homeland, and to work its soil.

Well into the 1960s, work in agriculture enjoyed a high status in kibbutzim. In moshavim, by definition, every one worked the family farmstead.

But by the 1960s, more and more kibbutzim realized that even highly sophisticated, successful farming could not ensure the middle class standard of living to which Israel was becoming accustomed.

By the late 1970s the kibbutz movement, whose original ideal had been a return to the soil, had changed: over half of the total income of all the 250-odd kibbutzim came from industry and tourism, rather than agriculture. And in the past five years, this trend has continued.

With many moshavim in deep financial trouble and social ferment, the leadership of the Moshav Movement, many of whom formerly opposed the industrialization of the moshav, are now banking on it as a last chance.

In the early 1970s, a convention of the movement overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to investigate the possibility of introducing industry into moshavim. The present secretary-general of the movement, Amos Hadar of Nahalal, was against the idea, as was Reuven Eiland.

Eiland is at present the head of Telem, Moshav Industries, a new movement enterprise which, in conjunction with Koor, the Histadrut's industrial holding company, is working on a plan for the

Moshavim could follow kibbutzim in turning to industry. But there are many problems, not the least of which is educational. The issues are discussed in the fifth and final article in a series.

rapid industrialization of a large number of moshavim.

Eiland, a member of Moshav Kfar Hess in Emek Hefer, and director-general of the Ministry of Agriculture in the last Labour government, says that he was not opposed to industrialization per se, but believed it could be postponed for 20 to 30 years.

"We're not for the Likud government's stupid policies on the exchange rate and other factors affecting agriculture, Israel's flower growers would be exporting a billion and a half flowers to-day instead of 700 million, and an additional 15,000 moshav families could have been making a good living from exports," Eiland said. "Had this happened, we could have postponed introducing industry into moshavim, which is sure to generate problems."

"Now we can't wait any longer and have to start working on it, and fast. In essence we have to learn what the problems of industrialization in moshavim are, on the job," he says.

Telem, he adds, has no intention of involving itself directly in setting up industries in moshavim. Its purpose is to create conditions that would make it possible for individual

moshavim to decide to industrialize intelligently if they so desire.

The idea, he says, is to work on both the supply and demand sides. In regard to supply, Telem is amassing a reservoir of proposals for industrial projects, guided by three criteria of suitability:

- that the industry be suited to the size of a typical moshav (between 60 to 80 families), meaning that it must not need a labour force of more than 25 at the outset;
- that the technologies involved are a challenge for the average moshavnik, and especially for the younger generation, meaning nothing that entails unimaginative repetitive production processes; and "we also don't want 'dirty industries'";
- that the industry promise reasonable profitability, which, in the moshav context, means providing a reasonable salary with part of the profits being distributed to the moshav worker/owners. "We are aiming at a level of profits of about \$15,000 a year per worker as a minimum for the first stage, and would like to get to \$40,000 per worker a year," said Eiland.

Eiland wants Telem to generate demand for industries in individual moshavim, too. What this entails, he explains, is the establishment of an awareness of the importance of industrialization and of suitable organizational, social and economic infrastructures in any moshav which decides to go into industry.

Eiland would like to meet three criteria before (Continued on page 4)

France rejects Chad bid for assault on rebels

PARIS. — France's special envoy to Libya yesterday ruled out "post-colonial operations" in Chad following an appeal by the Chad government for French troops to join a counter-attack against Libyan-backed rebels.

Envoy Roland Dumas told *Le Matin* that despite the powerful air and paratroop force France had sent to Chad, the French government had not relaxed efforts to seek a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

"There is no question of our launching a post-colonial operation," he said. "It is for this reason that the door remains wide open for a negotiated settlement, even if that looks difficult."

In N'djamena, the official Chad press yesterday gave prominence to a government news agency commentary which alleged that France was planning a deal with Libya that would result in partition.

The agency said: "the idea of a partition appears to be increasingly attractive to some French circles. The thesis of a partition of Chad between two spheres of influence, one Libyan in the north and the other French over the south, resurfaces."

Chad Information Minister Soumaila Mahamat said yesterday that a large column of Libyan tanks and armoured vehicles had moved out of the northern outpost of Faya-Largeau and set up a new stronghold in the desert 80 kilometres closer to French-manned government positions.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

On Monday, Prime Minister Menachem Begin was called on at his office by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yehuda Halevy, president and chief executive officer of Israel Bonds, who reported on the recently concluded international Israel Bonds conference. The prime minister said he was impressed with reports he had received of the nine-day conference attended by 500 delegates.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at 1 p.m. today at the YMCA.

Haifa MKs Yosef Rom and Moshe Shahal will be the guest speakers at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Israelis active in European drug trade

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Israeli criminals play a prominent role in the international trade in dangerous drugs, particularly in Western Europe, and some of them also deal in stolen property, Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, chief of investigations in the Israel Police, said on Army Radio yesterday.

Recent reports in the British press on the activities of Israeli criminals in Britain led Carthy to complain that Britain's police ought not to announce just whom they are investigating at a given moment. Carthy noted that information obtained from the police in West European countries indicates that there are also concentrations of former Israeli criminals in other countries, notably Denmark, and in the cities of Amsterdam, Hamburg, and Frankfurt. Besides smuggling drugs and stolen property, these criminals have been implicated in thefts, burglaries and hold-ups.

Asked about the motives of Israeli criminals in moving into "foreign markets," Carthy replied that "Israeli criminals are no different from their law-abiding compatriots, who seek new pastures in different conditions, fresh business opportunities and a general change in atmosphere."

Then there is the aspect of "absorption": Israeli old-timers in one foreign country or another "absorb" their friends newly-arrived from Israel. By such means, little Israeli "settlements" are created, from where the Israelis can continue their criminal activities.

There is no problem of integration, since crime is a "profession" that knows no borders; the methods and means of operation are identical everywhere, Carthy said.

There is no difficulty in getting into the swim of things by joining forces with local criminals and learning from them how the local police operate.

Israelis abroad could thus continue in crime — until some of them at least are finally caught, Carthy said.

Gurel shows optimism on Haifa school year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOME NEWS

Cabinet: No local vote funds, no birth grants, more taxes

The cabinet yesterday issued the text of decisions taken on Sunday:

A. A bill will be submitted in the Knesset to nullify funding of local authority elections, and cancel the work holiday on election day for the local authorities.

B. The interest on development loans, in shekels or dollars, will be raised in real value by an average of 2 per cent.

C. The Water Law will be amended so that the changes in water rates will be made by the same process as those in electricity rates.

D. It was decided to make public transportation lines more efficient.

E. The birth grant will be cancelled, unless another source of income is found. Hospitalization for the birth will continue to be free.

F. Exemptions from payment of local authority property taxes for soldiers, prison wardens and policemen will be cancelled.

G. The rate of increase in the old-age grant, given to persons who continue working beyond retirement age, will be 2.5 per cent annually (instead of the current 5 per cent).

H. A corresponding tax will be collected by the National Insurance Institute from the self-employed. Self-employed persons who are not members of the sick funds will receive refunds.

I. The National Insurance Law will be amended such that debts to the NII, or debts of the NII, will be linked, as is the case with the income tax.

J. Grants for the first and second child in families with up to three children, and for whom the marginal tax payable by the person eligible for the grant due to his income is 50 per cent or more, will be taxable.

K. The period for reporting to the value-added tax authorities will be one month.

L. A ceiling has been set for tax-free payment of sums by the employer to the professional education fund for the employee. Sums above the aforementioned ceiling will be added to the employee's income, and full tax will be paid on them.

M. Income from work abroad which is the same as that done by the worker in Israel will be considered for income tax purposes as income earned in Israel.

N. The rate of tax deduction at the source will be raised to 45 per cent for wages for additional employment, for foreign currency accounts, for interest paid by companies, employers of at least 10 workers, contractors, car salesmen or car-sales agents, and anyone who must keep books according to the double entry method. The higher rate will also apply to fees charged by writers, artists, lecturers, and suppliers of office services.

O. Rental rates in industrial buildings will be raised by 15 per cent.

P. Employees whose posts will be terminated as part of the manpower cutbacks in the government in ministries will be transferred to a manpower pool of the Civil Service Commission. No vacant position will be filled unless an appropriate employee is not found in the pool. As long as the employee belongs to the pool, he will continue to receive his salary.

Q. Half of the positions vacated due to the retirement of employees will be refilled, a quarter of the positions will be terminated, and a quarter of the positions transferred to a pool from which posts will be allocated by the Ministerial Economic Committee according to the ministries' needs.

No explanation was available last night of the cabinet secretariat's two day delay in issuing the list of decisions.

Some economic sources suggested that the decisions do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the cabinet majority and that some minister might even consider appealing against them. It would appear, these sources say, that the cabinet secretariat simply issued a list of the recommendations put to the cabinet by its economic committee and which were not actually rejected by the cabinet, although there was no actual vote in their favour.

\$100,000 Jabotinsky Prize

By LEON HADAR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A major international prize, heralded as "the Nobel Prize of the Jewish world," was unveiled this week at a press conference here. It is called the Jabotinsky Prize, the Shield of Jerusalem.

According to Eryk Spektor, chairman of the Jabotinsky Foundation, a New York-based educational organization sponsoring the award,

the \$100,000 prize is to be presented annually to a Jew or non-Jew, deemed to have done most "for the defence of the rights of the Jewish people," during the previous two years.

The recipient will be nominated by representatives of the major Jewish organizations and institutions and then chosen by a panel. The prize is to be presented in New York on November 14 at Lincoln Centre.

Moda'i holds talks on oil in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuters). — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i held talks here yesterday with Egyptian Deputy Premier and Petroleum Minister Ahmed Ezzedin Hilal on bilateral oil relations.

An Israeli spokesman told Reuters they discussed oil price fluctuations and other issues. He added: "there are no problems concerning the two countries' oil agreements."

The two ministers are discussing technical matters. The spokesman did not elaborate.

Egyptian officials said the talks dealt with oil issues of mutual interest. They declined to give further details.

Likud said 'liquidating' social services

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A coalition of social service workers and neighbourhood activists in Jerusalem yesterday accused the Likud government of systematically liquidating the country's social services by diverting hundreds of millions of dollars to settlements in the administered territories.

Black Panther leader Sa'adia Marciano told a press conference that the "Likud has betrayed the sh'chunot (slum neighbourhoods). Begin's most enthusiastic followers

have received the worst blows from the Likud's cuts in social services over the past several years."

Avner Amiel, a senior community worker in the Jerusalem Municipality, said the two "greatest enemies" of the sh'chunot are "the settlements in the territories, which have channeled hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits to well-off families, and Project Renewal, which has served as a smokescreen for the liquidation of regular social services."

LIBYAN OCTOPUS WORRIES LIBERIA

(Continued from Page One)

France does not want to cross swords with Gaddafi, though it can see what he's doing, because business with Libya is too good for France to impair. That's why Gaddafi is getting his own way in Africa. Liberia is one of those countries which has an exalted idea of Israel's intelligence process. So in recent weeks, before the decision to renew diplomatic relations, Liberian officials sought intelligence information from Israel about Libya and about Libyan operations in Africa.

Israel has much intelligence on Libya which it can impart. Libya is not Israel's prime intelligence objective, but it is nevertheless high on the list, because of its centrality in the international terror network and for a host of other reasons.

The Arab policy is a fact of life in Africa which cannot be ignored. Arab pressure, too, is a fact of life, both in the form of inducements and in the form of threats.

"When you say the word 'Arab' to an African leader he'll most likely think of 'Libya' or 'PLO' first. They got the Arabs as a whole a bad reputation in Africa. There's a feeling that an Arab may be lurking behind every tree, and several African leaders go about genuinely apprehensive of assassination," the Israeli source said.

Admittedly, most African leaders are much less overawed by the Arab states today than they were in 1973, when over a score of African states severed their ties with Israel.

Liberia-Israel shipping link spans 20 years

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Liberia once had a shipping company of its own, set up in partnership with an Israeli firm about 20 years ago. But it went out of business, after the death of the president William Tubman in 1971.

Yesterday it was reported that Liberia is again seeking Israeli help to set up a maritime company in order to get a share of its iron-ore export shipping. This is reportedly to be discussed now during the visit of President Samuel Doe.

The Liberian National Shipping Line was set up as a partnership of the Monrovia government and the Aaron Rosenfeld shipping company of Haifa, at Tubman's request.

The company built two ships to transport iron ore. Liberia's major export to the U.S., which sailed for several years.

Earlier, Dr. Naftali Wydra, then head of the Zim company, had negotiated with Tubman and his ministers of finance and transport on the possibility of setting up a Liberian shipping company modelled on the Black Star Line which Zim had helped Ghana set up in the 1950s.

Wydra, now director of the Shipping Research Institute here, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the joint venture with Liberia did not get off the ground, because the Monrovia government had been unable to

make an investment of \$500,000 in the project. Liberia contended that its total national budget was only \$21 million at the time, and that it could not afford the outlay, he said.

"We considered it inadvisable to start a venture without investments from both partners," Wydra recalled. After Zim bowed out, the Rosenfeld company reached agreement on the line, with Monrovia.

Liberia nominally has the largest merchant fleet in the world. Thousands of ships, totaling 150 million tons deadweight, fly the Liberian flag, as a flag of convenience. But all of the ships are owned by foreign firms. They make up almost one-quarter of the total world fleet of 640 million tons.



A Lebanese woman yesterday passes in front of portraits of the late Bashir Jemayel in Beirut as thousands of his Christian supporters commemorated his election to the presidency a year ago, only 22 days before his assassination. (UPI telephone)

TAMI HOLDING BACK

(Continued from Page One)

be none," Sarid stressed. Uzan has, since Sunday, been in close contact with Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. Uzan told reporters that in opposing the cabinet's decision to increase the purchase tax there were "no differences" between him and the finance minister.

Yesterday Aridor arranged a meeting between Begin and the Tami leaders. The meeting will probably be held this morning, and Uzan is to demand that the cabinet reconsider its decision.

In reply to a question, Uzan said he does not believe that Levy and Aridor could work out a cabinet about-face, because this would mean that the government would have to reconsider "the entire issue."

He went on to say he is not insisting on the acceptance of any specific demands. "I am not in love with my proposals. I just want the rich to pay more," he stated.

To prove his point, he distributed copies of his letter to the cabinet secretary, written last Tuesday, in which he stated that his support for Aridor's policies was dependent on acceptance of his own suggestions "or the submission of alternative proposals."

But Uzan is strongly opposed to some of the proposals adopted on Sunday. He complained that the 10 per cent increase in purchase tax on items described as "luxury" was merely "throwing dust into peoples' faces."

A small car, a television set, a refrigerator and a washing machine are not luxuries, Uzan asserted. "Why should it be only the son of a rich man who drives a car," he asked.

"Twenty years ago such items were luxuries. Today they are accepted as standard items. When my daughter gets married she'll need a TV set. Should she pay another 10 per cent purchase tax just because the minister who proposed it has two or three sets at home?" he continued.

The Liberal ministers may agree to some amendments to last Sunday's decision in order to help Tami climb down from the tree. Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that she believes that locally produced refrigerators should be exempt from the increase in purchase tax.

"We're not insisting on every detail," she said. But she was adamant in opposing Tami's plan to impose a tax on checking accounts. "There can be no change on that," she stressed.

The Tami leaders appear to have been stung by the Liberals' success in foiling proposals to tax checking accounts. Apparently Tami's failure to protect its own constituents from cuts in National Insurance allowances stood out all the more glaringly, by contrast, and Tami is smarting over the Liberals' seemingly having to more clout at the cabinet table.

Thus, Uzan declared bitterly, "under no circumstances will we be partners to a government whose basic guidelines were cancelled by the Liberal Party's victory in the cabinet. We don't represent the Liberal Party's constituents, and this government was not elected by the people who vote for the Liberal Party."

But it is still too early to talk of an alternative government headed by the Labour-Mapam Alignment. Even if Tami does quit the coalition, Labour would not have the necessary majority. Labour secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev told *The Post*, "I've got patience to wait and see."

Gov't would like to abolish index system—Governor

Jerusalem Post Staff

The government would like to do away with the index system as was recommended by the International Monetary Fund to control the rate of inflation, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum said yesterday. Mandelbaum told the United Jewish Appeal Chairman's Seminar that he supports the recommendation. But the Histadrut is opposed, he said.

Without the index system, the inflation rate would fall to only 22-25 per cent annually, he said.

To minimize adverse effects of abolishing the system, the bank rate would have to be raised, Mandelbaum said.

Yesterday, the 80 UJA Mission members from tens of Jewish communities all over the U.S. met with former settlers from the Yamit area, now living on Moshav Nativ HaSara, and with new Ethiopian Jewish immigrants.

Gunman robs bank of foreign currency

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — A young man walked out of the Kiron branch office of the Discount Bank yesterday morning with IS800,000 in foreign currency which he stole from the bank's safe.

The man in his late 20s according to witnesses, entered the bank at about 9 a.m. and told the teller he wanted to buy \$500. She handed him the necessary forms, which he filled in and signed with what is apparently an assumed name.

When he opened the safe to get the money, he drew a pistol and threatened her, in hushed tones, not to move. He then went up to the safe and emptied it of \$7,000, DM4,500, 1,900 Dutch guilders, £1,500 and 1,700 French francs.

PLO meeting ends

TUNIS (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee ended three days of meetings yesterday on the margin within the terrorist organization, but failed to issue a final communiqué.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, president of the 14-member executive committee, presided over the closed-door meetings that began Sunday.

The committee discussed the results of visits of two PLO delegations to Syria to work on ways of ending the dissent in Fatah, the largest movement in the PLO.

Political observers in Tunis noted that the committee's failure to issue a final communiqué indicated lack of progress by the two delegations.

Rafal wants MKs to tighten belts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Former chief-of-staff Rav Aluf (res.) Rafael Eitan last night called on government leaders and members of the Knesset to set the public an example in belt tightening.

Speaking at a meeting organized by the Youth for Israel Movement at the Zion Hotel here, Eitan said the public realized the economic problems facing the country and were prepared to make sacrifices. The leaders should set a personal example by taking salary cuts, and then they will have the right to ask sacrifices of others, he said.

Following his comments, deputy Knesset Speaker MK Meir Cohen-Avidon announced that he would take a 10 per cent cut in his salary from next month. (Similar announcements were made last week by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, his deputy Haim Kaufmann, and Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan.)

Two swimmers save tourist from drowning

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Two swimmers yesterday rescued a French tourist who apparently tried to drown himself in the sea off Shikmona Beach.

They swam out 400 metres to reach the man and brought him back to shore, where policemen gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The man was then taken to the Rambam Hospital for further treatment.

The alarm was raised by relatives with whom the 39-year-old tourist had been staying. He left their Haifa flat early in the morning, and they later discovered a note saying that he intended to drown himself in the sea.

Together with police the relatives searched the beaches and finally spotted the man floating in the sea near the Oceanographic and Limnological Research Institute at Shikmona.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's *Jerusalem Post* Tat-Aluf (Brig. Gen.) Amos Katz was named Head of the Armoured Corps. OC Armoured Corps is Aluf (Maj. Gen.) Moshe Bar-Kochba; Tat-Aluf Katz is commander of the tank forces.

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HOME NEWS

Settlers to Arens: We don't feel safe

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
ARIEL. — Jewish settlers in Samaria yesterday took issue with Defence Minister Moshe Arens' statements that the number of Arab attacks against them had declined during the past year. At a meeting with the minister after a tour of four Jewish settlements in Samaria, the settlers said they feel less secure now than a year ago.

Some suggested that Arens' statistics were misleading, because people who had been attacked stopped complaining about minor incidents, such as stone-throwing, if no damage was involved.

Meir Har-Noy, a member of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, told Arens that a day does not pass without a stone being thrown at a bus carrying children or a person driving alone in his car. Many just ignore it unless the attack is successful and damage is done, he said.

According to Benny Katzover, the chairman of the Samaria regional council, the frequency of Arabs spitting, cursing and making indecent gestures at Jews had increased. Arabs know they have 15 minutes between an attack and the arrival of security forces, he went on.

Arens' attitude showed he stands by his statement, which he said was based on an analysis of statistics. Arens suggested a special debate to discuss the matter and the settlers agreed.

He rejected demands to expel stone-throwers. The belief that such measures would stop attacks was "too simplistic," he said. He equated such a course with the



Defence Minister Moshe Arens, (centre) yesterday speaks to residents of Emanuel, a new settlement in Samaria. (Israel Sun)

failure of severe punishments to eradicate criminal offences elsewhere.

Later Katzover told him some settlers are pressing for counter attacks. Arens replied sternly: "I'm afraid that a few people running wild will destroy everything here."

He indicated he would throw the Jewish attackers out of the country, but no one seemed to take that comment at face value.

In Netanyahu on Monday night, Arens told Herut party activists that "we're approaching the point where facts are irreversible, and our control over Judea and Samaria is assured."

Arens visits Bethlehem for talks

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday visited Bethlehem and discussed with Mayor Elias Freij how to improve the quality of life there. Freij, who believes that a political solution to the problems of the West Bank is far off, called the hour-long talks "useful."

Arens and Freij began what Arens called a "dialogue" the day before, during meetings at the minister's Tel Aviv office. Yesterday's session was to discuss in greater detail problems facing the town.

Among these problems are an \$122 million deficit, problems caused "by the bureaucracy" in transferring money from the Arab world to the West Bank, and the release of security prisoners, Freij said later.

"We all agree it usually takes a long time to solve political problems," Arens said after the meeting. "In the meantime, we must live together."

Describing Bethlehem as a model city "that can and should be an example that Jews and Arabs, Moslems and Christians" can live together, Arens promised Freij that he would do his best to help the mayor solve some of the more pressing municipal problems.



ELIAS FREIJ
"Talks were useful"

A source in Bethlehem city hall said officials hope the dialogue will give a boost to projects such as a refrigerated market for agricultural produce, a new city sewage system and major road work.

Arens was warmly greeted by Freij and other officials and both parties were all smiles before, during and after the meeting.

The last defence minister to visit Bethlehem was Ezer Weizman, who resigned the post in May 1980 over the issue of cuts in the defence budget. Arens arrived in Bethlehem by helicopter from Ariel. He was accompanied by Aluf (res.) Binayamin Ben-Eliezer, the government's coordinator of the administered territories.

CONCERTS. — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra begins a series of concerts in Hamburg tomorrow.

'Soul of a Jew' a smash at Edinburgh

EDINBURGH (AP). — The Haifa Municipal Theatre play about an anti-feminist and anti-Semitic Jew that stirred controversy in Israel could be the drama hit of this year's Edinburgh International Festival. The audience at the music hall gave a rapturous reception Monday night to *The Soul of a Jew* by Yehoshua Sobol.

It seemed to vindicate festival director John Drummond, who brought over the Haifa Theatre group to stage the play. Critics in Israel had said it would only encourage anti-Semitism. Drummond told a news conference yesterday that the "warmth of the reception" justified his choice.

The play is spoken entirely in Hebrew with a simultaneous translation through earphones.

It is based on the life and ideas of Otto Weininger, a Viennese Jew who renounced his faith before shooting himself in 1903. The play ties in with this year's festival theme of the arts in Vienna before the First World War.

Under the headline "Triumph for Israelis," critic John Clifford of Scotland's national newspaper, *The Scotsman*, yesterday called the play "intellectually enthralling and very deeply moving... it is easy to understand its impact in Israel, given its intense relevance to the country's current crisis of ideals and identity."

Clifford added: "Those of us who are gentiles inherit a long and terrible tradition of misogyny and anti-Semitism — we are not strangers to self-hatred and guilt."

Weininger's own *Sex and Character*, published four months before he died, caused an uproar in Europe and was later used by the Nazi propaganda machine.

In the play, Weininger argues with his fellow Jewish intellectuals, who are confronted by Austrian and German anti-Semitism on the one



A scene from Yehoshua Sobol's "The Soul of a Jew." (Ya'acov Agor)

hand and the rise of Zionism on the other.

Weininger abandoned Judaism because he did not believe the Jewish people could ever ultimately escape the stigma of hatred and be reborn through Zionism, the movement that inspired his friends. He despised women and argued that

Aryan masculinity would redeem humanity.

"I didn't want to judge Weininger — he did that himself," Sobol told reporters. "I wanted to illuminate what brought about Zionism in Vienna at that time and the undercurrents that influence Israel today."

IS3.6b. gap twixt Aridor, Hammer

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A \$2.1 billion gap still separated Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday at the conclusion of their first round of intensive talks on reducing the budgets for schools this year.

Also in dispute is the 10 per cent cut sought by Aridor in the universities' budgets, which would save another \$1.5b.

The Education Ministry spokesman said that neither minister had budged from his initial position, but that the talks would continue today. The Treasury is demanding a \$4.6b. cut in the education budget, while the ministry says that it can afford to cut only \$2.5b.

The figure of \$2.5b. is actually a net cut of only \$1.5b., since the ministry seeks to raise \$1.5b. from an "education fee" to be imposed only during this year. The fee of \$4,000, or \$330 a month unlinked, would be paid by 350,000 families with children in school from kindergarten to the 12th

grade. Another 62,000 families in the three lowest income brackets with children in school would be exempt from the fee.

At the meeting with Aridor, Hammer said that a further 10 per cent cut in the universities' budget would force them to close. The universities' budgets were recently cut by about 10 per cent, and are still owed money by the Treasury for the 1982/83 academic year.

The main cut sought by the Treasury is to reduce school hours by at least four hours a week, in order to save on teachers' salaries. The Education Ministry says that a four-hour cut would mean firing 8,500 teachers, and that firing teachers at the start of the school year would violate their labour contract.

Of the \$1.5b. net that it agrees to cut, the ministry includes \$300 million to be saved by the gradual introduction of a "self-help" pupil clean-up system; \$260m. by hiring substitute teachers only from the fourth day of absence of the regular teacher; \$150m. in reduced busing of pupils to school, mainly in urban areas; and a 10 per cent across-the-board cut in informal education and in youth and cultural activities.

Lea Levi adds:

The National Parents Committee has decided not to fight the school fee if three conditions are met: that the fee be limited to \$330 a month per family, that it only be for one year, and that it prevent any cuts in teaching hours.

This decision was made yesterday by the committee on the recommendation of its chairman, Yitzhak Efron, who reported to his colleagues on his meeting with Hammer on Monday.

The minister told him that the alternative to the school fee would be cutting two hours of instruction across the board, whereupon Efron decided to try to convince his colleagues that the fee was the lesser of the evils.

The parents still do not like the idea of the fee and will wage an all-out fight against it if their conditions are not met. They want the fee to be established by a Knesset law in which the \$330 a month and the one-year duration are explicitly stated.

Bid to curtail undercutting by airlines

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Airline travellers are soon likely to find it useless to shop for cheap fares. New regulations being drafted by the Civil Aviation Administration are designed to restrict competition among the airlines.

The proposed regulations presented to Transport Minister Haim Corfu ban airlines operating scheduled services to Israel from imposing restrictions on tickets sold here. Thus any scheduled airline would be allowed to honour any ticket issued by another scheduled carrier and bill the other for the full fare approved by the CAA. The ticket-issuing airline would also have to refund the full sum for an unused ticket.

The Transport Ministry and a spokesman for the panel of airlines operating in Israel said such restrictions have been successfully introduced in Europe.

To make sure that a passenger flies with them and does not use his ticket to fly with another more expensive company, airlines have marked their tickets "not endor-sable," "not refundable," or "valid on our routes only."

Last spring El Al, in order to attract passengers, sold couples round-trip tickets to New York for a little more than \$1,000, a saving of more than \$500. Tickets to Brazil were recently offered by an airline at some \$1,500 less than the official rate.

Such competition caused "huge losses to many airlines," Elie Messer, Austrian Airlines' senior representative in Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

2 murder suspects
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A man and a woman, suspected of being involved in the murder of Gavriel Edri in Tirat Carmel on Saturday, were yesterday remanded for six and seven days respectively by the magistrates court. The court prohibited publication of their names and addresses.

Haifa Liberals back Yael Rom for mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Herut maverick Yael Rom announced yesterday that the local branch of the Liberal Party is supporting her for mayor, and not the official Herut candidate, MK Meir Cohen-Avidov.

A jubilant Rom, whose chances of heading the Likud ticket became nil after the Herut central committee decided to back Cohen-Avidov, showed reporters a copy of the agreement with the Liberals. She said that under the pact, the Liberal candidate Mordechai Tecosky will step aside. Tecosky was one of the signatories to the accord.

Supporters of Cohen-Avidov have made it clear that he is not stepping down. The local Liberals were not authorized to sign any agreement in the name of the Likud, she said.

Meanwhile, the two-member "Haifa for Haifa" city faction, led by MK Amnon Linn, has decided to join the Alignment ticket.

Gov't seeks way to pay yeshiva students

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The government is looking for a new legal formula that would enable it to pay extra children's allowances to yeshiva students. Last month the attorney-general instructed the Treasury to stop paying these extra allowances on the grounds that they discriminated against Arabs.

The renewed government effort to pay the extra allowances to yeshiva students who have not served in the military, while denying them to Arabs, was revealed yesterday in a letter from the attorney-general's office to Jerusalem attorney Tsali Reshef.

Reshef represents the two Alignment Arab MKs, Hamad Haleila and Mohammed Wattad, who petitioned the High Court of Justice about the extra allowances.

Reshef told *The Jerusalem Post* that the High Court is

scheduled to hear a new petition by his clients in October concerning the new arrangements being worked out for yeshiva students and the payment of extra allowances to welfare cases and new immigrants who have not served in the Israel Defence Forces.

The issue arose last spring when the Knesset increased the children's allowances payable to families with four or more children. The increase originally applied only to families, one of whose members had served in the IDF, but, under Agudat Yisrael pressure, a provision was added extending the increment to yeshiva students.

It later emerged that thousands of new immigrants and welfare cases are also getting extra payments equivalent to the veteran's increment.

Reshef said that the new petition would demand that the extra allowances be paid to Jews and Arabs alike, or that all special arrangements that discriminate against Arabs be abolished.

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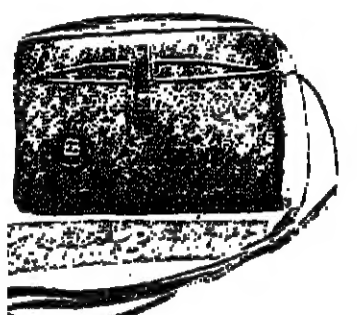
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Reagan lashes peace activists

SEATTLE (AP). — President Ronald Reagan yesterday likened the anti-nuclear movement, with "all its modern hype and theatrics," to Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Adolf Hitler before World War II. "They would wage peace," he declared, "by weakening the free. That just doesn't make sense."

In a speech to the American Legion, Reagan said: "The members of the real peace movement, the real peacemakers, understand that peace must be built on strength."

Reagan said the U.S. cannot become "policeman to the world." But "we can't build a safer world with honourable intentions and good will alone. Achieving the fundamental goals our nation seeks in world affairs — peace, human rights, economic progress, national independence and international stability — means supporting our friends and defending our interests."

Reagan denounced the "naked, external aggression" in Chad, where Libya's Col. Muammar Gaddafi is backing rebel forces against the government.

Woman behind Kuwait's 'biggest' heist

KUWAIT (AP). — Police have arrested a five-member gang led by a 24-year-old Egyptian woman and accused it of pulling off the biggest robbery in Kuwait's history, an Interior Ministry spokesman disclosed yesterday.

He said police managed to retrieve about \$1 million the gang had robbed last Saturday at gunpoint from a Kuwaiti financial house.

The spokesman identified the Egyptian as Maha Tewfik al-Abdel, an employee of the financial house she had raided.

"She masterminded the robbery — the biggest in Kuwait's history and the first ever involving a woman," said the spokesman.

The four other "culprits," he said, were all men — one Egyptian and three Jordanians. He did not identify the fourth, but said one of the Jordanians, named Moussa, had promised to marry Abdel if they could steal enough money.

Fierce winds halt search for Noah's Ark

ISTANBUL (AP). — Strong chilling winds forced former U.S. astronaut James Irwin to halt his search for the legendary resting place of Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat, the daily *Hurriyet* reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from Erzurum, on the western fringes of the 5,165-metre high mountain near the Soviet frontier, *Hurriyet* reported that Irwin "lost his breath and felt extremely exhausted" in his first try, launched on Saturday.

The paper quoted Irwin, 52, as telling local guides that they had "encountered strong chilling winds" after they left a base camp at 4,000 metres.

"Everything seemed okay up to the base camp... but when we reached the glacier area, the weather turned around and a storm broke out... We couldn't stand on our feet and we had to stick to each other until it was all over," Irwin was quoted as saying.

Hurriyet said it was in touch with Turkish guides accompanying the expedition in its quest to locate the traditional site of the ark. "We hope to start all over again within a few days," Irwin said according to *Hurriyet*.

On Monday, Irwin was quoted as saying, "Even going to the moon wasn't so tiring or exciting."

Philippine parliament airs Aquino's murder

MANILA, Philippines (AP). — Opposition leader Salvador Laurel yesterday publicly challenged President Ferdinand Marcos' claim that the government had no role in the assassination of former senator Benigno Aquino.

"It is premature to say at this time that there was no military involvement in the killing," Laurel told a fiery session of the Batasang Pambansa (parliament).

Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, a parliament member, denied that the armed forces had any involvement and renewed a government appeal for "sobriety" in the wake of Sunday's murder of Aquino, who was viewed as the primary challenger to Marcos' rule.

Marcos in a televised press conference Monday night denied government complicity in the killing. He said government investigators had theorized that the killing could be a "rub-out job" by Communists opposed to Aquino and who also wanted to embarrass the government.

Laurel's parliament speech came a day after a Japanese free-lance journalist told a televised news conference in Tokyo that Philippine government security officers shot Aquino and then shot his alleged assassin.

He disputed the government's version that Aquino was shot by a still-unidentified assassin as security officers were escorting Aquino from his plane as he returned from exile in the U.S.

The journalist, Kiyoshi Wakamiya, was on the China Airlines flight from Taipei with Aquino.

He said that when the plane landed three officers came inside the plane. "I think they called him 'Senator' or something... He

Stop harassing women, UK workers told

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain's working men were told by their unions yesterday to stop sexual harassment of women workers in their factories and offices.

Leering, making risqué remarks, "groping," demanding sexual favours and displaying pornographic pin-ups are among activities criticized by the Trades Union Congress, which groups Britain's major unions.

"Many trade unionists still regard it as a 'yuss about nothing,' something that is an inevitable consequence of men and women working together, or harmless fun," it said in a report.

"Such attitudes fail to recognize the difference between social relationships mutually entered into and sexual harassment which is the imposition of unwelcome attention."

It said sexual harassment could be used to undermine the authority of women supervisors, managers and tutors.

Peace in Namibia depends on S. Africa says UN official

CAPE TOWN — A senior UN official said yesterday that continued success by South African-backed dissident forces fighting the Angolan government could provoke a counter-offensive by Cuban troops, posing a risk of escalation of the fighting.

Military advances by the UNITA forces of Jonas Savimbi might strengthen South Africa's hand in negotiations which began yesterday on the future of Namibia (South West Africa), the official said.

But the stronger Savimbi became, the more Cuba would be urged to react, he said. If South Africa really wants a Namibia solution, curbing Savimbi is one way to get the Cubans out.

He gave his analysis to reporters aboard the special plane which brought Perez de Cuellar to Cape Town for the Namibia talks.

Perez de Cuellar, concerned at the "inordinate delay" in giving independence to South West Africa, began talks with Prime Minister



PRESIDENT MARCOS He denies any role in slaying

Aquino) smiled, and asked me to carry his baggage."

Wakamiya said that as the group moved down the stairway from the plane "two officers sandwiched him from his sides and one followed him from behind."

"I saw from inside the plane that two of the three officers who took him out pulled out handguns and shot at Mr. Aquino's head from a close range within one metre... Mr. Aquino was wearing a bullet-proof vest."

Wakamiya continued, in the televised excerpts: "Then, this man (the alleged suspect) came out from this vehicle (a military vehicle), and the same guy who shot Mr. Aquino fired a few shots at the man in the middle section, and he (the officer) suddenly disappeared."

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INDUSTRY MIGHT SAVE FARMERS

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agreeing that his organization step in to guide the industrialization of a moshav.

• that the decision to go into industry is adopted by at least a two-thirds majority of the members; that the industry be formally owned by the moshav's economic arm, the jointly owned *aguda*; and that the moshav members both own the industry and (some of them) become wage earners in it;

• that the moshav candidate for industrialization develop a compact group of members with whom it will be possible to talk about complex decisions, and that this group be empowered to vote money for the initial exploration of projects;

• that the moshav be prepared to employ an industrial coordinator at a salary paid from the moshav's funds ("This will be the hardest part of it").

If all these conditions are met, Eiland would be ready to match the project proposals in his desk to specific moshavim. "But we tell them: don't depend on us. Check it out yourself, to see if it suits you."

Telem has been in business for less than 10 months and is just feeling its way in a process that the kibbutzim have been involved in for several decades.

Eiland's enthusiasm and energetic no-nonsense approach are impressive. But even more impressive is his awareness of the problems entailed in industry to the moshav framework.

Thirty-eight moshavim have so far taken serious steps to take part in Telem's matching process; 16 have already chosen specific projects or are in the final stages leading to such a choice. Ein Vered, a veteran moshav in Emek Hefer, is to open an electronics plant next January, and a moshav along the Lebanese border may open its plastics plant even earlier.

Telem, in conjunction with Koor, is opening a four-to-five week course this December for moshavnik plant managers. Many moshav youngsters will be sent to vocational schools.

"We know that in the first years we will have to buy managerial skills from the outside. We don't have production engineers in the moshavim. But once we get into the process, it is clear that we will have to send many of our sons to the Technion," Eiland said.

Eiland envisages different ownership forms for these industries: those owned outright by an individual *aguda*; those owned by a partnership of several *agudot*; and regional industries owned by a regional consortium of *agudot*. Partnerships with private investors will also be encouraged at a level of just under 50 per cent ownership.

The industries envisaged by Eiland are not the moshavim's first venture into industrialization. Some regional purchasing associations own and operate industries, especially packing plants for farm produce.

Their history is not particularly edifying: many are unnecessary and uneconomic expressions of empire building by local moshav "strongmen." Some have been the source of financial corruption.

The Telem approach seems to be aimed at

IN BRIEF

Rebels reportedly kill 16 Afghan gov't agents

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Moslem insurgents killed 16 Afghan secret service agents and members of the ruling party in the southeastern city of Kandahar in early August, according to Western diplomatic dispatches received here yesterday from Afghanistan.

Western diplomats said the rebels wore Afghan Army uniforms in the attack, in which they posed as government officials at a roadblock checking identity papers, the reports said.

Western sources also reported heavy casualties as a result of a clash between Afghan regime and Soviet troops and the rebels on July 11 at Dand Chowk, south of Kabul.

The rebels attacked a military convoy, destroying six trucks, the sources said. An exchange of fire was followed by Soviet bombing raids, in which the city's hospital was hit, the sources said.

Japanese develop new interferon process

TOKYO (Reuters). — A Japanese drug company said this week it had developed a method of mass-producing interferon, a chemical some researchers believe can be used to combat cancer.

Interferon stimulates agents within the body that act against disease.

The Kyowa Hakko company said its new fermentation process would produce about 2,000 billion Standard Drug Units of gamma-type interferon — enough to treat about 5,000 patients.

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NSK (Reuters) — A worker's union in Japan has announced that it has decided to slow down its work in response to a government proposal to increase the number of unskilled workers in the country.

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CAIRO — The government has announced that four people were killed in cave-ins in the desert near the city of Luxor. The cave-ins occurred while the workers were digging for water.

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Hurricane Albo
MIAMI — Hurricane Albo, which is expected to hit the Florida coast on Wednesday, has caused widespread panic and evacuation of people from the coastal areas.

Today

ZOHAR KARTI, the dynamic head of the Women's Bureau of the Ministry of Labour and Social Services, has made thousands of working mothers in Israel happy. She and her staff have caused a "revolution" among working mothers, she says.

"Years ago there was no awareness of the needs of working women — particularly working mothers," explains Karti, at her office in Tel Aviv. "In 1970, there were 200 day-care centres in the country with 19,900 children enrolled in them. But we started a whole new system whereby the municipalities build centres and various women's organizations run them, and today we have four times as many centres and they care for some 45,000 children — about one-third from poor families."

Twenty years ago, Karti began working for the Ministry of Labour's manpower planning division. "I didn't pay much attention at that point to the situation of working women," she admits, "but after the Six Day War, I saw that Israel wasn't going to have enough manpower."

"There were air bases to build in the Sinai, a growing population and a developing welfare state. I saw that it was necessary to create conditions for women to work. At that time, we had a lower percentage of working women than did most other developed countries."

Always keen to observe at first hand, Karti conducted extensive surveys and studies on the future of manpower in Israel. She came up with some proposals based on simple economic calculations, and urged the ministry to start a committee on women in the work force.

In 1970, Karti launched what began as a pilot project with a handful of staff spread around the country. By 1975, her project had become acceptable to high level Ministry of Labour officials, and the Women's Bureau was established

with the aim of encouraging women to enter the work force, and of fulfilling the needs of those with families.

Karti herself became adviser to the Minister of Labour on economic, sociological and legal aspects of the status of women. As a department head — the highest post held by a woman in the ministry — she is empowered to review ministry regulations for policies which discriminate against women.

"At the beginning," she recalls with a smile, "They didn't take me seriously. It's different now because I am head of a department. My approach has always been professional, serious. I don't just yell and scream, and I stand up for issues I think I can succeed with. If a subject is important enough I bring in reports. I find examples to back up my arguments."

KARTI considers herself a feminist "without the negative connotations of the word. My approach is to work through persuasion, not struggle. And now that we have some legal basis to go on and women have proved themselves in the work force, we can start to talk about equality with men."

The "revolution" her bureau has wrought includes the establishment of three different kinds of day-care centres — year-round centres for nursery school- and kindergarten-aged children as well as for family groups (*mishpachot*), and vacation camps.

Karti spends much of her time dealing with administrative affairs — suggesting sites and working out the logistics and funding for new day-care centres, and reporting on the progress of her bureau to the minister. She is constantly racing around the country to meet with members of various organizations, community centres, and government agencies to advise them on issues ranging from maternity leave, to national insurance for working women, to the rights of women on

Woman of note
Woman power
The lives of working women in Israel have greatly improved since the establishment of the Women's Bureau of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.
Women's Bureau head Zohar Karti talks to Amy Levinson.



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moshavim. She also frequently visits day-care centres "to get an idea of what is happening there."

A year ago, Karti completed her master's degree in labour studies at Tel Aviv University in an effort, once again, "to keep pace with what is going on in the theoretical field."

"It was good to have experience before going to study," she says, adding that it took her several years to finish the degree.

Karti stresses that her husband, a private businessman, gives her the moral support she needs to pursue her career. Karti worked "three-fourths time" until her two children entered school, at which point she also became the head of the Women's Bureau.

One of the biggest priorities among the bureau's staff is encouraging women of all backgrounds to work. The conflict between family and career makes this a difficult goal to achieve, and prevents the development of the "norm" of the career woman, says Karti.

In an attempt to convince hesitant women to enter the work force — and to ease their way once they're there — the Women's Bureau puts out a number of pamphlets and publications, describing the services offered to working women, their economic and legal rights and available day-care facilities.

"When people talk about women in the work place, for the most part, they refer to those at higher levels, not to disadvantaged women," Karti explains. "I think the gap between women of different backgrounds in this country is no smaller than that between men and women in general."

The head of the Women's Bureau is particularly proud of the workshops her staff has instituted around the country, aimed at returning women to the work force.

"I believe that women need an incentive to go back to work, especially those without much education. Beginning three years ago at community centres and other public places in development areas, we began organizing workshops on assertiveness, decision-making, selecting careers, and related topics. We get experienced women to teach the workshops and we've been very pleased with the response."

On women in higher positions Karti stresses that, "Israel needs professionals. It's a professional world. Roles are changing and we can't go back. Women should be learning professions, and once they are working in them, make their way up the ladder. This is, however, a rather slow process."

Why are so few women in high management positions?

"First of all," says Karti, "there are certain built-in problems, such as the fact that women tend to work part-time. There are also power struggles and discrimination."

She also cites the disadvantages women have on completing army service. They leave without the technical and professional grooming their male counterparts have received. Another problem is that women are not looked upon as potential managers.

These obstacles notwithstanding, Karti's hope for the future is that more women will begin to see working as a means of personal advancement, and as a source of pride and satisfaction — that they will see their work "not as a job, but as a career."

"I think there is a change in Israel," she concludes. "The division of labour is changing, and there is a new generation of women from many different ethnic backgrounds going to study. There are fewer women going into the services."

"Physical strength no longer prevents women doing 'male' jobs, because everything is done by pushing buttons and using brainpower. We need to recognize the differences between the sexes, but not to apologize for them."

WHEN ISRAEL'S ancient sages preached that no prophet is heard in his own city, they certainly knew what they were talking about. The Talmudic homily has found a reverberating echo in modern times: the best and brightest of Israel's creative talent — barely recognized at home — receives the loudest and longest accolades abroad.

A case in point is fashion designer Riki Ben Ari who commutes between Tel Aviv and Paris on a monthly basis because her home is here, but her creative life is there. "Paris feeds Ben Ari's ego in a way that Israel never has. She has spent more than half her life in the fashion game — designing collections for most of Israel's major fashion companies and helping to steer several smaller companies on the right track. But the acclaim accorded to top designers in Europe and America does not find expression in Israel. Praise is given with reluctance; those with some concept of self-worth are immediately put down by others."

"Small wonder, then, that those who seek appreciation for their professional skills, look for a base beyond Israel's borders."

Riki Ben Ari is one of those gifted designers who reads fashion trends on the horizon like Indians read smoke signals. Back in the 1960s and '70s, Israel wasn't ready for her far-sightedness. Manufacturers branded Ben Ari as too avant garde, and argued that her creations had no commercial appeal. While Tel Aviv was dithering, Paris opened up its arms.

"Ben Ari was offered a job as a member of the Promostyl design team. Promostyl is the international fashion bible — the first and the last word on new silhouettes, textures and colours. Ben Ari has been working for Promostyl since 1962 and is one of 85 designers whose futuristic styles are based on intensive market research and outside developments in textiles and fashion."

"Paris is so inspirational," says Ben Ari. "There are days when I arrive at the studio completely devoid of ideas. My mind is a blank. And then, suddenly when I sit down at my drawing board, it all comes together."

Ben Ari's double life-style has turned her into a long distance wife and mother. In some families, career priorities are home wreckers, but not in the Ben Ari household. Husband Jackie delights in her success and keeps more tabs on what she's doing than she does herself. Sons Alon and Ofer are not upset by their mother's frequent absences — they say they've never known a different way of life, so they see nothing unusual in it.

As for Ben Ari herself, she sees her marriage as an ongoing series of renewals. The separations keep romance alive, and she tries hard never to be away from home for more than a month at a time. Occasionally, Jackie and the boys join her in Paris or somewhere else in Europe, and the family maintains daily telephone contact.

She spends an average of 190 days per year outside Israel. Until last February, Ben Ari had not put her signature to an Israeli collection for three years. She was wooed home by textile manufacturer Albert Farfoory, whose company had made so many significant developments in the textile field that he simply could not resist branching into fashion.

Of Farfoory, the designer says, "He's not a manufacturer, he's an industrialist. He has all the facilities that a fashion designer needs. He can produce any type of fabric from his own yarns and if he wants to, he can dye every individual fabric in the same colour."

What she admires most about Farfoory is his open-mindedness: "He's not afraid of something new. We might quarrel over a design, but he won't discard it purely on the basis that it's too advanced for department stores. He just bets me that it won't sell, and he loses. But every loss like that is a profit."

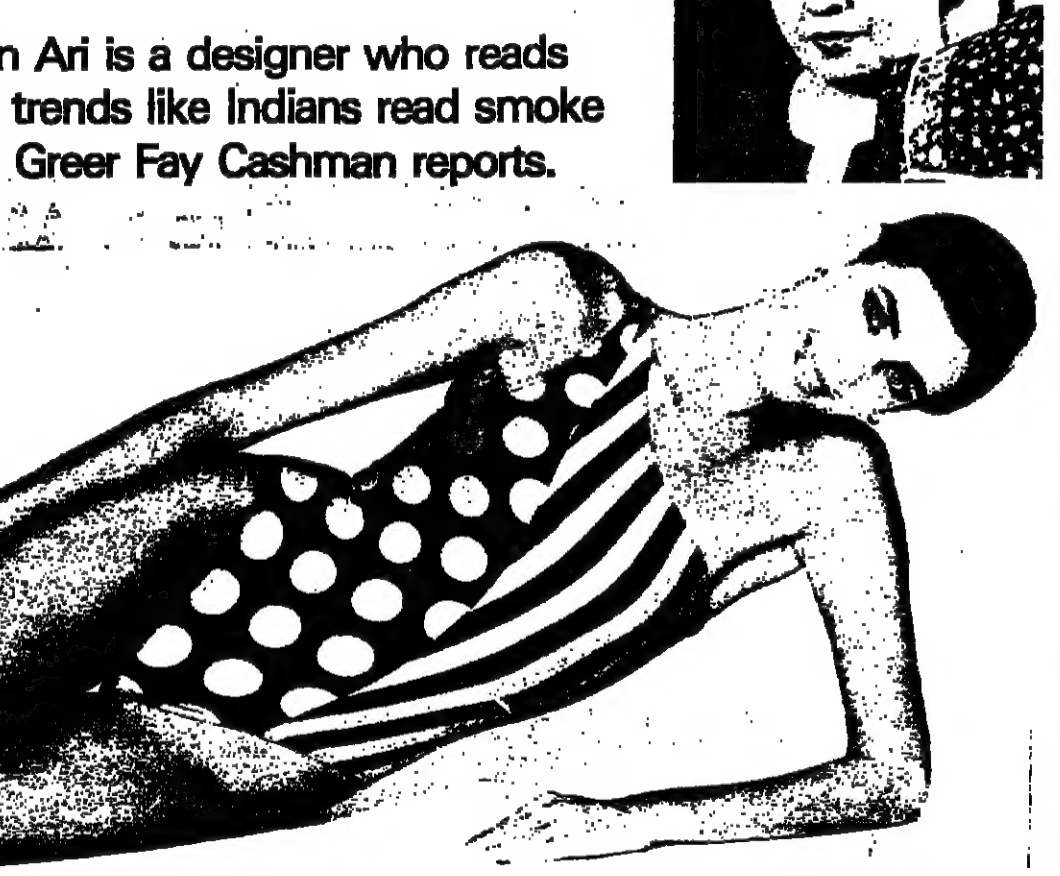
Aware of Farfoory's clientele, Ben Ari puts fashion accents on basics and adds a few speciality items to the collection for buyers

with more sophisticated tastes. Her summer T-shirts and T-dresses are made up of integrated and coordinated fabrics, many with her own abstract prints, and feature much more detailing than the average T-shirt. Mix-and-match pants, shorts and skirts in limited editions, complete the collection. Currently catering to women's whims, Farfoory plans to expand into men's-wear next season.

He looks on his two seasons with

Riki comes home

Riki Ben Ari is a designer who reads fashion trends like Indians read smoke signals. Greer Fay Cashman reports.



Rikma swimsuit designed by Ben Ari.

Ben Ari as something of a coup. The combined quality of her design and his production techniques opened up markets in Germany, France, Belgium, England, Switzerland and America. Says Farfoory wistfully, "I'd like to be able to bring back all the Israeli designers working abroad."

Rikma's Issy Hananel shares Farfoory's dream. Rikma's sensational winter collection, unveiled in Elat six months ago, was created by

Tamara Yovel, an Israeli who made her name during the seven years she lived in Italy. Like Ben Ari, Yovel is good at projecting the future. Her handwriting characterizes Rikma's summer sportswear collection. Hananel prevailed on Ben Ari to create Rikma's comprehensive beachwear story.

Ben Ari can't praise Yovel highly enough. Years ago — long before Yovel hit the big time — Ben Ari bought one of her tunics. "It was a

fabulous thing. I wore it for more than 10 years." She is angry that Hananel's sister, Roky Ben Joseph, has spent the past few years designing household accessories instead of fashion. "She does very well at what she's doing, but fashion is really her forte. I have a feeling she's going to come back to it soon. I certainly hope so."

In Paris, Ben Ari's Promostyl colleagues proudly introduce her as "our fashion expert from Israel," but when she worked here as the Israel Export Institute's key fashion consultant, local manufacturers belittled her. There was a general attitude of, "So what makes you think you know everything?" It was irrelevant that she was bringing the latest information from Paris to the Israeli scene. "It's different now," she says. "Israeli fashion has improved enormously — everyone has a more forward approach."

For her two Israeli collections, Ben Ari had to execute a mental balancing act. Here she was creating for Summer 1984, whereas in the course of her work at Promostyl, she has already completed work for the summer of 1985.

Who dictates fashion? Where do designers get their ideas? What invisible thread pulls everyone in the same direction?

According to Ben Ari, the couture designers no longer have the impact of their predecessors. "There are about six really top couture designers in Paris who each show between 50 and 100 designs each season. Their collections are the foundations for a plethora of ideas, but not the key base."

"Things are happening in other parts of the world and we have to synthesize between the couture runway and world events. Couture today is just attractive fashion, but it doesn't influence the street. It's the other way around. The street influences fashion."

Summer and winter fashions over the next 18 months will reflect protest and guerrilla movements because that's what's happening in the street. "We don't just sit in a closed room and decide what we'll wear tomorrow," says Ben Ari. "We go outside for inspiration."

She cites as an example the now passe rock-and-roll fashions: "When disc jockeys started replaying old Elvis Presley records, it was the signal for a rock-and-roll revival, and once the kids started dancing again to those old tunes, it was obvious that fashions from the previous rock-and-roll era would re-emerge. We saw a similar regeneration of clinging, vampish Hollywood styles when cinemas began screening films from the 1940s and early 1950s. Fashion took its cue from audience reaction."

Whenever she comes home, Ben Ari is loaded down with copies of Promostyl publications. Despite the new narrow shapes which have been moving along the Parisian couture runways for the past few weeks, Promostyl is projecting big silhouettes, strange unattractive shapes in the eyes of anyone raised on the theory that pure, simple classicism spells elegance.

"Classics today," Ben Ari notes, "are the antithesis of fashion. A contemporary woman who goes out in a classic suit with matching bag, shoes and gloves is totally unimaginative." And imagination is permitted to run free at Promostyl, where antiquated fashion taboos are broken daily.

"There's a vast difference between letting ideas flow on paper, and designing for a manufacturer who, out of commercial considerations, has to harness creative freedom. Ben Ari is frustrated when reins are put on her thoughts, but she understands the control impulses. The larger the mass production, the tighter the rein. It has been slackened somewhat in a winter collection of dresses, skirts and desert caps which she is designing for Maseit."

The article on the Tel Aviv Casba restaurant in today's edition of Life Style (page 24 to 27), was written by Jerusalem Post Reporter Mark Segal.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9:00 Petronella
9:10 Rent-a-Song
9:25 Around the World in 80 days: parts 15 and 16
10:05 The Elephant Boy: part 25
10:30 The Time Tunnel
11:15 Dance
10:00 Another Story
10:05 Cartoon about Spain in the Middle Ages — part 7
16:30 Pretty Butterfly
17:00 A New Evening — live magazine
18:30 New roundup
18:35 The Land of Dolls
18:45 Inventions and Innovations
19:00 Agriculture Today
19:30 New
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 The Mystery of the Girls — film (part 1)
18:20 Cartoons
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18:30 New roundup
19:30 The Land of Dolls
18:45 Inventions and Innovations
19:00 Agriculture Today
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HEBREW PROGRAMMES: resume at 19:30 with a news roundup
20:03 Another Hit
20:30 Movie Time — bi-weekly cinema magazine
21:00 Mahat Newsweek
21:30 Moked — weekly interview programme
22:05 The Wrong Man. Alfred Hitchcock's 1956 semi-documentary film about a musician falsely accused of murder. Starring Henry Fonda, Vera Miles and Anthony Quayle
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17:40 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 18:30
19:30 Richie Rich 18:40 (JTV 3) Amaz-

ON THE AIR

Voice of music
6:02 Musical Clock
7:07 G. G. G. Canzone No. 5; Handel: Concerto Grosso in C Minor; Purcell: Chaconne; J.C. Bach: Sinfonia Concertante; Haydn: Symphony No. 98; Mozart: Clarinet Concerto, K. 622 (El Heliuz, Irbil); Smetana: From the cycle, My Homeland (Pavel Berglund); Grieg: Piano Concerto (Rami Bar-Niv, Jerusalem Symphony, Sheriff); Sibelius: Symphony No. 4; Beethoven: Violin Sonata, Op. 23 (Perrman, Ashkenazy); Bach: Suite No. 3, Oudon Partos; Arabesque for Oboe and Chamber Orchestra (Holliger, Atherton)
12:00 Annie Schnarch, violin; Galina Sonich, piano — Lescail: Tambourine; Chausson: Poeme; Ravel: Sonata
13:05 American Ballets by Copland, Bernstein, Barber and others
15:00 Music Magazine
15:30 New roundup
16:00 Old and New — stylistic differences
16:30 Paganini: Capriccio, part 2 (Salvatore Accardo); Hummel: Adagio and Variations for Trombone and Organ; Saint-Saens: Rhapsody on Themes from Britten; live Trombone and Organ
18:05 Unfinished Works — Mozart's 530
19:05 (their) sing works by Galuppi, Vivaldi and A. Scarlatti (repeat)
20:00 Verdi: Il Traviatore, complete opera

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Kuni Lemel in Cairo; Edison: Octopussy 3.45, 6.30, 9; Habibi: Boy Takes Girl 4, 6.8; Kfir: Tron 7, 9; Sinbad 10.30 a.m.; Mitchell: Table for Five 6.45, 9; Orgy: Bad Boys 7.9; Black Stallion 10.30 a.m.; Pirochko 4; Orion: Fantomas II; Orion: Fun: Ron: Last Plane Out; Semadar: Frances 7, 9.30; Blyskal: Ha'mam: Sophie's Choice 9 p.m.; Flying Bed 4, 6; Cinema One: Fantomas 5.30; Double Figure — Xanadu 7.30; Orion: 4; Israel Museum: The Sound of Music 11, 1.40; Cinematheque: The American Friend 9.30; Doctor Strangelove 9.30

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Sports

Coy Bird

Larry Bird, the super-star among the visiting NBA contingent, is set to become the highest paid sportsman of all time. For the past few years he has been playing for the Boston Celtics at a "reasonable wage," but now on his return to the U.S., he may conclude a contract that will guarantee him a salary of between \$2m.-2.5m. a year.

The Celtics are obviously dead keen to ensure that the man widely accepted as the best all-round player in the world will remain in their court. But Bob Woolf, Bird's attorney and negotiator, has still not permitted him to affix his coveted signature to the dotted line. He and Bird have put off the final phase of negotiating until their return from Egypt. This postponement was a gambit which served a double purpose, Woolf concedes coyly, creating widespread interest in the U.S. in the tour to Israel, and providing a bargaining chip in the contract negotiations.

Swim record

ROME (AP). — The West German team set a world record in the men's 4 x 200 metre freestyle relay at the 16th European Swimming Championships here yesterday. The West Germans clocked 7:20.40, edging the record of 7:20.83 set by the United States in 1978.

Shoe shuffle

WARSAW, Poland (AP). — Polish authorities permanently barred 400m. runner Ryszard Podias from competition for allegedly stealing track shoes from a Helsinki department store during the World Track and Field Championships. Warsaw newspapers reported last week. Teammate Ryszard Wichowski was suspended for two years for helping Podias steal the shoes, the reports said.

Power behind the stars

By DON GOULD
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bob Woolf, the power behind the thrones of many U.S. athletes, and the man much involved in the NBA stars' visit to Israel, has single-handedly revolutionized the face of American sports. A jolly, effervescent, outgoing soul, not exactly of athletic proportions, his contribution has not been through athletic prowess but through bringing to bear his expertise in law into one of America's biggest fields of entertainment.

Just 15 years ago, Woolf, then a regular attorney, practising criminal and general law, "who also happened to love sports," as he describes himself, gave some minor legal advice to Earl Wilson, the Boston Red Sox pitcher. To his surprise, Wilson explained to him that the top sportsman never had any legal help whatsoever. "Almost gratuitously," Woolf filled the vacuum. Since then, he has become a major factor on the American sports scene.

Over the years, he has negotiated more than 1,800 contracts for top baseball, basketball, football and ice hockey players. He now represents over 300. Apart from negotiating their contracts, he handles all their affairs.

"In many cases, their pay checks come directly to my office," he says. "My clients live off allowances I give them. I pay all their bills, prepare their wills, trusts, corporate structures, investments and savings, special appearance fees... the lot."

He runs three offices with a full complement of attorneys in Boston, New York and Los Angeles. "It just keeps growing."

Among the men whom Woolf has represented are the most glamorous names in American sports — Larry Bird and Calvin Murphy (basketball with the NBA stars now in Israel), Carl Yestremski and Reggie Smith (baseball), Gino Capatelli and Houston Antoinette (football), Derek Sanderson and

Jerry Cheevers (ice hockey).

Not always flatteringly, American sports writers have described Woolf as "the most powerful man in sports." For some he is "too powerful." "Rich and authoritative franchise owners shudder at the mere snap of the lock on his attache-case," *Newsweek* wrote once about his power.

"That's not entirely accurate," Woolf says. "I do have the capacity to exert control. If I don't want a man to play for Boston then he's very liable to land up elsewhere. That gives some power to change the configurations. But I would never misuse my power. For instance, I believe in the sanctity of the contract. I'm proud to say that my clients and I have never renegotiated a contract or tried to re-negotiate one. I lost Dr. J. (Julius Ervine, the Philadelphia 76ers star) when he wanted me to renegotiate his contract. My argument is one that owners appreciate. Would I accept a demand from them to restructure a contract in my client's dis-favour, just because he had a poor season? Never!"

The current visit of the top NBA stars evolved out of an approach to him by Haskell Cohen, head of the American Sports for Israel Federation. Nine of the visiting pros are Woolf's clients. His association with Israel, and his affection for the country are not new. His mother grew up here, and his father practised medicine here during the period of the Mandate. He and his wife Anne came to Israel for their honeymoon 20 years ago, and his brother and several other close relatives live in Israel.

For years he has supported an innovative basketball youth tourney under the auspices of the Jerusalem YMCA. Now, after this first venture into helping to bring America's top athletes to play in Israel, he hopes to broaden his involvement by putting into play his expertise to promote Israel into a force on the world's sports scene.



Bob Woolf (Gabrielli)

For instance Woolf recognizes that basketball coaching at the youth level, is the key to glory for Israel's basketball. "That's part of the reason why Larry Bird is such a fine player. From the outset he got the finest in fundamental coaching. The idea mooted by the *The Post* in a recent article about the need for Israel's basketball authorities to import top-line youth coaches caught his eye.

Amid negotiating multi-million contracts for Bird, Murphy and their like, Bob Woolf means to examine seriously the feasibility of



Larry Bird (Gabrielli)

promoting such a programme for the advancement of the game here.

NBA programme

TEL AVIV. — The visiting NBA Basketball Stars will divide into two squads to play each other at Yad Eliyahu tomorrow, at Na'aman on Friday and in Jerusalem on Sunday.

British take lead in 420 races

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Andrew Hemmings, a 18-year-old boat-builder apprentice, and Jason Belben, a 17-year-old schoolboy, both from Britain, are the overall leaders after the second race off the coast here yesterday in the world 420 sailing championships.

In yesterday's race, the English crew finished second, 10 minutes behind the Israeli Yitzhak Suissa and Alon Dagon, with two other Israelis, Gil Yakimov and Dan Grunich, third. The winners of the first race, on Monday, Brigitta and Bjorn Bengtson, of Sweden, were in sixth place.

The sailors of the 45 dinghies, from 13 countries, described race conditions here as "choppy seas with shifty breezes."

The English duo have been training together for three years and finished 18th in last year's world championships held off Portsmouth.

Two of the six races of the championships will take place today, starting off the Hilton Hotel beach at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Middlesex collapse

Post Sports Staff & Agencies

Villagers fell behind Essex in the County Championships because of a surprise defeat at Lord's yesterday by Somerset. Somerset, 249 in their first innings, were dismissed for 119 (Edmonds 5 for 19, Embury 4 for 28). Middlesex, 243 in their first innings, only needed 127 to win, but collapsed against the bowling of Booth (4 for 26) and Warke (3 for 17). Tom Jones, who beat Gloucester by an innings in 2 days, now lead the championships.

Geoff Boycott, of Yorkshire, made 141 not out, including 20 fours and a six, in the second innings of Yorkshire's match against Nottinghamshire, then giving him 517 in his last two matches. He was recently criticized by the Yorkshire committee for "slow batting," and answered them in characteristic fashion. The match was drawn.

Other results: Warwickshire drew with Kent; Derbyshire beat Glamorgan by two wickets; Northants drew with Lancashire; Surrey drew with Essex; Hants beat Worcestershire by an innings and 44 runs.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan

Drug scandal mars Pan-Am

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP). — Fourteen U.S. track and field athletes left the Pan-American Games yesterday, while four weightlifters, including a triple gold-medal winning American, were stripped of their medals amid the biggest drug crackdown in the history of international athletics.

A total of eight weightlifters now have been stripped of medals for illegal use of anabolic steroids.

The four found guilty of using drugs on Tuesday included Jeff Michels of the U.S. who won three golds in the 243-pound class, Jose Adames Paez of Venezuela, who won two bronze medals, Enrique Montiel of Nicaragua, winner of two bronze medals, and Jacques Oliger of Chile, who won three silver medals. Another four weightlifters were found guilty earlier, including Cuba's Daniel Nunez, who was stripped of his world record and three gold medals.

The Pan-Am Sports Organization said their names had been turned over to their National Olympic Committees and the International Weightlifting Federation for possible sanctions that could keep them out of the 1984 Olympics.

No official reason was given for the U.S. track athletes' departure yesterday, on the day that their competition was due to begin. There was no specific mention that they left because of drug use, and it could not be determined whether any of them had actually undergone drug tests. But the announcement was coupled with a strong statement warning against using banned substances to improve performances.

The names of the athletes were not released. A statement issued by F. Don Miller, Executive Director of the USOC, and Evie Dennis, Chief of the U.S. Mission at the Pan-Am Games, said the athletes "have chosen not to participate in the games."

"Their individual decisions to withdraw should not be taken as an implication of guilt or interpreted in any similar manner," the statement said. "Sanctions against any athlete

found in violation of banned substance codes could contain penalties that could keep them from competing in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles."

But the statement added that the USOC "understands the decisions of the athletes who will not compete, but it stands even more firmly behind this long-needed awakening of all of amateur sport to the dangers of reliance on banned substances which are used to increase performance in the arena of sport, and at the same time endanger the very life of the young man or woman."

The statement said the USOC's medical staff had told American athletes at the Games that the drug-testing equipment here "is the most sophisticated device ever used in testing for the use of banned substances or drugs in sports."

The statement also said that the Olympic Committee has increased efforts to let athletes and coaches know of the dangers of drug use. "In no way does the U.S. Olympic Committee condone or accept such use by an athlete, or by a coach or trainer who would advise an athlete to use them."

The Miller-Dennis statement said the announcement "comes as a clear warning to the athletes of the world that the time has come to put an end to this ominous practice."

"It's about time we had some integrity to do it (drug-testing) properly as we are doing here," Miller added later.

Mario Vasquez Rana, President of the Pan-American Sports Organization, said the drug disclosures were "some of the saddest information I've ever given. Something to regret has happened and we have to take care of it."

Meanwhile, the United States swimming team set a world record in the men's 4 x 100 metres medley — three minutes, 40.42 seconds, clocking .42 off their own old record set last year. The team consisted of Rick Carey, Steve Lundquist, Matt Gable and Rowdy Gaines.

Stunning Wilander broadens challenge

MASON, Ohio (Reuter). — Swedish teenager Mats Wilander scored a stunning 6-4, 6-3 win over top-seeded John McEnroe to win the \$300,000 Association of Tennis Professionals championship here. Wilander, who celebrated his 19th birthday on Monday, was previously known as a top clay court player, but now he has shown his versatility by taking his first hard court championship with a victory over the world's top ranked player.

In the semi-finals, Wilander had defeated defending champion and second-seed Ivan Lendl. "Now I know that if I play very well and Lendl or Ivan have an off day, I can beat them on any surface," said Wilander, 540,000 better off for his efforts.

In Toronto, the world's top woman player Martina Navratilova again beat Chris Evert Lloyd 6-4, 6-1 to take the Canadian Open.

The uneven 90-minute match "was Navratilova's fourth win of the year. She said, 'I know Chris can play a little better, but I can play a whole lot better.' Lloyd, 28, said: 'She was beatable today, but then I didn't play my best tennis either.'"

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Money Matters

Shares go up in lacklustre market

TEL AVIV. — Share trading turned over at 315m, was slightly above Monday's low point of the year. The equity market continued to mark time in the summer doldrums.

The public has set itself up for the duration behind a barricade of foreign currency. It is not about to dismantle these defences and return to the shekel, observed one broker.

The Bank of Israel, for its part, announced that recent daily purchases and sales of foreign currency are about even.

Yesterday, the shekel was revalued by 19 agorot in relation to the American dollar. This week, the devaluation of the shekel has been less than 0.4 per cent.

Despite the lack of public interest in share investments, yesterday's session again ended on the upside. The General Share Index, commercial bank shares excepted, rose by 0.32 per cent. All trading sectors, with the exception of land development and oil shares, made modest gains. Commercial bank shares performed well as prices advanced by up to 1.6 per cent in the case of First International.

Small gains were also made in the mortgage bank group.

Specialized financial institution issues, on balance, were ahead by moderate margins.

Insurance equities performed best in yesterday's session. Phoenix 01, with a 7.2 per cent advance, was the best performer in the group. Yardenia 01 chipped in 9.5 per cent advance but Zur was established as "sellers only."

The service and trade group also moved higher. Lighterage 01 picked up 6.5 per cent while Yasee was advancing by a full 10 per cent.

The shares of the Israel Corporation were shortcircuited and fell by 7.7 per cent. The star performer of the group was Cold Bonded, whose 0.1 shares zipped ahead by 13 per cent.

Nikuv Computers 1.0 was the major

for the second consecutive session. Today these shares will trade without the customary price restraints. The management of the Exchange has requested that any buy or sell order be accompanied by price limits. Lodzia announced this earlier this week that it intends to distribute bonus shares of 900 per cent.

The Cables and Electric Wire Company Ltd. has just published its annual report. The multi-coloured report is in keeping with the improved level of graphics used in the production of annual reports by Tel Aviv Stock Exchange companies. The index-linked bond market was characterized by isolated gains in the various groups of trading. Volatility statistics yesterday favoured sharply losing shares. There were seven "buyers only" as compared with five "buyers only." But shares losing more than five per cent outdistanced sharp gainers by 37 to 22.

Turnovers in trading in commercial banks were some 45 per cent of total trading figures.

Oil issues were only some one per cent of the total.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

loser with a 10.1 per cent fall. Scattered losses were responsible for the land development, real estate and citrus plantation group of shares ending the day at lower levels. Losses were moderate. Caesarea 0.5 which was sharply ahead on Monday lost some of the gains as it fell by 5.6 per cent.

Industrials, on the other hand, showed small gains. Gains of under two per cent were registered by Elron, Ebit and Alliance. Bar-Ton 1.0 and 5.0 broke into the "buyers only" circle. Pri-Ze was clipped for a 10 per cent loss while Ligat continued to fall, dropping 6.3 per cent lower. Zim 0.1 was 3.2 per cent improved while Kalit 5.0 was rising by 6.1 per cent.

Investment company shares were also higher. Teobos 0.5 was 9.1 per cent higher.

Lodzia Textile 1.0 and 5.0 shares traded yesterday as "buyers only"

ARIDOR

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Israeli governments, both Likud and Alignment, had failed simply because they did not include meaningful budget cuts. "Trouble was, there were always pressure groups and special interest lobbies strong enough to prevent those vital budget incisions," he argued.

The finance minister also lashed out at Labour Party Chairman Shimon Peres, who said he could slash IS100b. from the state budget solely by pulling the Israel Defence Forces out of Lebanon and halting settlement and development in Judea and Samaria.

"I'm afraid Mr. Peres has his mathematics all mixed up," Aridor asserted. "Those two items do not add up to IS100b. Besides, you cannot terminate a war just when you want to."

Besides the price in soldiers' lives, Aridor continued, the economic price of Operation Peace for Galilee goes beyond the defence budget. As more and more reservists are called up, production lags and exports suffer.

Asked to infer what the state of the economy would have been had Israel not launched the war in Lebanon, he replied: "The Galilee would now be desolate, with shells raining down upon Kiryat Shmona and everybody running away from the north."

The finance minister pledged that Israel's low-income citizens would be compensated for any economic pinch resulting from the austerity programmes and government subsidies will correlate with the rate of devaluation. But middle-income and affluent Israelis will have to accept some belt-tightening.

Asked if the average Israeli could accept such effects, Aridor noted: "Why not? If more than half a million average Israelis can afford to go on holiday abroad, then it is obvious that as individuals we are not in an economic bind after all. Why should people start waiting the moment you limit one or two of the benefits they have been receiving?"

Aridor assured the reporters that "this government has no intention of touching Israelis' savings by such moves as ending linkage to the consumer price index."

He concluded by saying: "You cannot expect to see results of a new economic programme overnight. This is not the Six Day War. This is another war of (economic) independence. We are on the right track and we hope the public will back us to the hilt."

"We oppose a faster rate of devaluation of the shekel, because that would only lead to higher inflation. The recent 7.5 per cent devaluation was a one-shot corrective move we had to take in view of the deterioration of the value of our so-called European currency exchange basket."

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In search of a policy

THE TROUBLE with Israeli policy towards the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria is that it does not seem to exist. Perhaps now that Defence Minister Moshe Arens is beginning to deal with the subject some identifiable policy may emerge.

To be sure, the authorities have a clear enough notion of what Israel's ultimate goal should be: namely to incorporate Judea and Samaria, presumably after the passage of five years of some kind of autonomy, into Israel. This would make the Palestinian residents of the territory Israeli subjects. Defence Minister Moshe Arens has suggested that they should, eventually, be offered Israeli citizenship, but it is doubtful whether his liberality on this point is shared by the majority of his cabinet colleagues.

There is also no doubt in the mind of anyone in authority that the 700,000 or so Palestinians in Judea and Samaria will be required to live side-by-side with a growing number of Israeli settlers. Within the next three years there are, according to current plans, to be some 100,000 of these settlers who, although still a distinct minority, presumably ought to assure Israel's permanent hold on the territory.

Jews are allowed, even made, to settle inside heavily populated Arab areas. The apparent expectation is that this would sooner or later persuade the Palestinians that they have no choice but to submit to Israeli rule — unless they prefer to cross the river east.

The former head of the General Security Service (Shin-Bet), Avraham Ahituv, pointed out in an article in *Davar* last Friday that the settlements might, at least psychologically, have already served as a hot-house for the rise of Jewish terrorism in Judea and Samaria. But this threat to the peaceful coexistence of the two communities does not appear to affect policy. And Ahituv's strictures have only prompted government apologists to query his giving public expression to his views. The substance is blandly ignored.

If the government's purpose is to induce the Palestinians to come to terms with the fact of Israel's permanence, it is hard to see how official conduct, whether at the cabinet level or on the ground, serves that purpose.

While Dr. Menahem Milson was the head of the civil administration, the Village Leagues were actively promoted as a counterweight to PLO influence, and as the most realistic hope of an Israeli dialogue with Palestinian moderates. This strategy was reversed by his successor, Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Ilyia, starting earlier this year, and Ilyia has been fully upheld by the newly appointed coordinator of activities in the territories, Tat-Aluf (Res.) Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

Now it may be granted that the leagues, for a while, enjoyed a status that was out of proportion to their real strength. Mr. Ben-Eliezer is not prepared to give them the status of favourite sons of the Israeli administration. Fair enough. But he has gone to the other extreme. He believes the real Palestinian leadership can be found only in the West Bank towns. So he wants to prevent the leagues from assuming any political role whatever.

The formal argument is that the leagues are not supposed to dabble in politics, and thus cannot form a political party, as they are planning to do. On the other hand it may be that the military administrators don't like the Palestinian National Covenant, drafted by the six Village League leaders in Judea and Samaria as an antidote to the PLO's own notorious covenant. Their new "covenant" calls for the recognition of Israel, within recognized boundaries but also visualizes establishment of a separate Palestinian entity. But if the administrators expect any political grouping on the West Bank not to pay obeisance to the goal of at least an entity, they are, at best, wooden headed.

The banning of political activity by Palestinian moderates would again leave the field wide open for the reassertion of power by the PLO. This might suit those in authority who believe in the efficacy of the iron fist, and of nothing else. Mr. Ben-Eliezer, and Mr. Arens, too, would doubtless deny that this is, or should be, official policy. But then what is official policy?

THE LIBERIAN PERSPECTIVE

By ASHER WALLFISH

LIBERIA IS a small state which suffers from a large number of natural and political handicaps, but these handicaps have made it easier in some ways for Liberia to re-establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

Such is the view of one of this country's leading authorities on Liberia, Dr. Yakutiel Gershoni, a lecturer in the department of Middle East and African history at Tel Aviv University, who has been teaching African history for the past decade.

Gershoni notes that whereas Liberia with its small area (111,000 sq.km., small population (one-and-a-half to two million inhabitants) and its presence in an African backwater, has little influence on the continent of Africa, these facts have also given it the good fortune to be free of border disputes or political friction with the states that surround it.

Being isolated and hence insulated, Liberia can restore its ties with Israel without this step being exploited by its neighbours. Gershoni predicts that Liberia's neighbours will neither mount a campaign against it nor make capital out of the renewal of ties in any other context.

Liberia is also handicapped by chronic problems of development, going back many decades. The situation was compounded by the world economic recession after 1973, he notes.

"Liberia gets economic support from the U.S., because of its difficult situation, and there is no doubt that the U.S. has considerable influence upon Liberia," Gershoni declares. "Given that the U.S. can be called Israel's one and only ally, I would say there seems to be a link between Liberia's economic dependence upon the U.S. and President Samuel Doe's decision to restore relations."

The Africa-watcher would not elaborate further on this theme, although he noted that American officials had three times made public statements denying that any American pressure had been exerted on Monrovia to re-establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

(However, this reporter was left speculating that perhaps Monrovia was given to understand that a restoration of ties could do it only good in Washington, both with the Reagan Administration and with Congress, and that this might be considered in the context of Liberia's economic difficulties.)

AS TO Liberia's political handicaps, Gershoni suggests that while the regime of President Samuel Doe was firmly in the saddle, it was too new to be genuinely rooted, and it needed advice to solve certain social and economic problems in order to enhance its stability.

Said Gershoni: "President Doe wants to overcome, or rather to offset, certain political handicaps without undue dependence on superpowers, with their neo-colonialist aura. He does not want strings attached, and he does not want to give a global tit-for-tat. Israel is close to Liberia in size and speaks to Liberia as an equal. It has no expansionist aims in Africa. These factors work to Israel's advantage."

He points out that Liberia does not have "a Moslem problem like Mauritania, Mali, Nigeria and other African states." While there may be as many as 300,000 Liberian Moslems, they are not united as a community, and they have no political influence as a bloc.

Geographically speaking, Gershoni notes, Liberia happens to be remote from the present trouble spots on the continent. "It's a long way from north-west Africa, with the Polisario insurgency against

Morocco; it's a long way from Chad, invaded by Libya; it's a long way from the southern provinces of Zaïre, where Angola is nibbling away." For all these reasons Gershoni believes that the various trouble-making elements in Africa — be they Arab nationalists, leftists or Marxists — do not have a stick ready in their hands with which to smite Liberia, nor grounds or opportunity for spreading incitement on the domestic scene.

HE BELIEVES that the April 1980 revolution, which toppled the black colonialist regime of the Libero-Americans and brought Doe to power, was "understood by and large in the other African states." There was some distress at the execution of a score or less leaders, but those executions have been greatly exaggerated in the West. No African state severed its ties with Liberia after the coup, and the Organization of African Unity accepted the new regime without demur, Gershoni adds.

He recalls that the U.S. Administration was apprehensive, concerned about which course the Doe regime might take, especially after the new president visited Libya and Ethiopia. "President Doe seems to have been attracted, as a military man, by certain aspects of those two regimes, and he put out feelers for possible cooperation during his visits, but he soon dropped the idea, when the U.S. Administration offered the same level of military, economic and political assistance as before the coup, it seems."

Gershoni cautions: "But you shouldn't imagine that Doe would jump at every American wish."

President Doe would like Israeli experts and instructors in Liberia in a variety of fields, he says, because the quality of Israeli technical aid and other cooperation still carries great prestige all over Africa. "In

Dry Bones



Liberia they still remember that Israel's work hard."

As a military man, President Doe has studied the reputation and the make-up of the Israel Defence Forces, "and I would not be surprised if he wants to reorganize the Liberian Army," Gershoni notes. "Israel has an image in Africa when it comes to repelling external threats and handling internal disorder, too. There could be greater friction one day between the various ethnic groups, and he needs to look ahead," says Gershoni. "He has as much American military aid as he wants, but perhaps he wants to have Israeli military instructors as well."

Gershoni recalls that Doe himself has the reputation of following a modest life-style, travelling around in a jeep, living in a simple residence, and that he believed in setting an example when he imposed a belt-tightening policy on ministers and civil servants. "This is a far cry from President

Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaïre with his private yacht, his private plane, and his private helicopter. Doe knows what he and his country can afford, of course."

Gershoni also points out that Doe believes in sharing power with those capable of handling administrative responsibility, unlike his late, lamented predecessor, William Tolbert Jr. who came to a bloody end in the 1980 coup.

"When I visited Liberia, and Tolbert ordered his press officer to show me around in an official car, the press officer turned up two hours late for our appointment," Gershoni recalls.

"I asked the press officer what kept him, and he said: 'I couldn't get hold of the president to sign the petrol vouchers.'" Gershoni related with a laugh. "Tolbert went to such extremes that he insisted on deciding which colour paint must be used to paint every government office."

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READERS' LETTERS

ALIENATING DIASPORA JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — At a recent Israel Bonds dinner, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy remarked that Diaspora Jews give money to this country to help themselves "stand taller and with pride" and that their contribution is "minimal" in relation to Israel's economy.

This is an outrageous insult to Israel's best friends, Jews abroad, who do all they can to help the Jewish State. Is this country so naive as to believe that it could go on with "business as usual" if the Jews of America didn't give millions annually and if their lobbying efforts didn't bring forth additional billions from the U.S. Government?

With all the talk in Israel about aliyah, can anyone really believe that it would be better for wealthy American Jews to be here working as Israelis, rather than do what they are doing now?

I love Israel and am not trying to run it down. But without foreign money, the IDF might have only stones to throw back at invading Arab armies and little else. Israeli attitudes on this subject, as exemplified by David Levy, must change. Israel exists in a hostile world. Why alienate Diaspora Jews?

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WHERE NEW IMMIGRANTS MEET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Where does Absorption Ministry Director-General Eli Artzi (August 15) get his aliyah ideas from? He suggested encouraging Western immigrants to live in subsidized rented flats instead of absorption centres.

I came on aliyah two years ago with my wife and two children. We spent six months in Beit Canada, the absorption centre in Jerusalem. Without having been there, I wonder if I would still be here as an im-

migrant.

We all made our friends and contacts there. It was our best source of information on daily living. Where else can one do laundry and find an open and understanding ear?

I recommend to anyone who comes on aliyah that the first stay be at an absorption centre, even if an apartment is available.

Did Mr. Artzi ever speak to an immigrant?

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HELPING TOURISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We have read with interest the recent correspondence in your columns on the subject of home hospitality for tourists, both individuals and members of groups, visiting Israel.

We should like to bring to the notice of your readers some facts about our Voluntary Tourist Service: In addition to welcoming and assisting tourists arriving at Ben Gurion Airport, our volunteers, numbering about 400, serve in the evening hours in the lobbies of all major hotels in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and Eilat — with representatives in Nahariya and Arad.

The visitor is offered free advice and help for any problem, including the tracing of long-lost friends and relations. A volunteer nurse visits any tourist who has the misfortune to fall ill or be hospitalized.

We also have a home hospitality programme, whereby we arrange for tourists to visit Israelis who have similar interests, and speak the same language, whatever it may be. The V.T.S. head office is situated at 28 Blulik Street, Tel Aviv 61048, telephone: 03-650919.

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Tel Aviv.

KNESSET DELEGATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read, with horror and a sense of outrage, the note in "Public Faces" of August 12, saying that 152.5 million was to be spent to send 11 MKs on a jaunt to South Korea — this at a time when the government is seeking to tax child allowances and old age pensions, and impose VAT on fruit.

If these MKs are so keen to go to South Korea, then let them pay for themselves.

JACK G. BAUM
Jerusalem.

THE IMMIGRANT'S LOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Dr. A.S. Luder's letter ("New immigrants" August 17). As pessimistic as it may sound, I feel the doctor is way off target with his observations, regarding the absorption of immigrants.

In the government and public agencies which olim are forced to deal with, I have yet to meet a new immigrant who received good, swift and, especially, courteous service from even a minuscule percentage of clerks. Granted there are exceptions, but they are usually olim themselves and can be counted by hand.

The mention of Jewish Agency *shlimin* brings to mind a recent interesting news item. Olim were asked how many were persuaded to make the big move as a result of their *shlimin*'s influence. Out of the several hundred questioned, not one hand went up. Surely they are in general "hard working and well-

meaning," but they know they've got our "business" either way. In the case of my family, all we got from our *shlimin* was the necessary processing of our file. The main reason olim leave according to the Haifa doctor, is "a failure to plan and be informed." Isn't this the primary duty of a *shlimin*?

Finally, and most important, the doctor believes that with the immigrants' collective voices, we can influence Israeli public life. With all due respect, whom is he trying to fool? I challenge the doctor to name one change brought about by olim crying aloud constructively, yet there are over 100,000 native English-speaking immigrants from advanced western countries.

And so, alas, we are confined to writing letters to the editor with no hope for change in sight.

M. ZIRIN
Jerusalem.

BETH HATEFUTSOH AND GOLDMANN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The report of August 2 that the late Nahum Goldmann wanted to deport 100,000 Moroccan Jews from Israel once again shows the true face of this individual. He failed in his job as a leader but succeeded in meeting all the world's leaders and letting everyone know that he met with them.

Goldmann denied knowing what was happening to the Jews of Europe during World War II. Yet there have been eye witnesses who told Goldmann of the annihilation of the Jews.

Goldmann tried to have Jews deported from the USA during World War II because they were Palestinians organizing demonstrations and exhibitions to arouse the American Jewish public to action to save Jewish lives.

Nonetheless, the name of Nahum Goldmann adorns the building of the finest museum in this country, the Museum of the Diaspora, Beth

Hatefutsoh. In my opinion his name should be removed from this important edifice. He failed the Diaspora and he did little if anything for the museum except foist his name on it. He never paid dues to the museum and to the best of my knowledge, did not contribute to it, though he was a wealthy man.

MURRAY S. GREENFIELD
Tel Aviv.

PENFRIENDS

JUTTA BEIKIRCH, 18, of Almalten Heek 29, 5910 Kreuztal, West Germany, would like to have an Israeli penfriend of her age. She likes music, sports, reading and exchanging letters.

JOHN S. E. GIDEON (30), of the Apostolic Church, P.O. Box 162, Gbome, Nigeria, is a civil servant who would like to have Israeli penfriends. His hobbies are reading, religious music and stamps.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS NEVER HAD the press paid such rapt attention to a speech by Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The premier was addressing an Israel Bonds dinner in the Knesset, not the kind of event that creates hot news, but the journalists and technicians had decided to lay bets on how long the premier's address would last. Twenty of them put \$100 each into the kitty; their predictions varied from an address of 13 minutes to one of 42.

The dinner began at 8 p.m., but Begin didn't get up to speak until 10.08 because of drawn-out introductions. Finally, the prime minister gave a very short speech — 18 minutes and 16 seconds, and a Kol Yisrael journalist, who made the closest guess, collected \$2,000. J.S.I.

PS NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY programmes on Jewish topics will soon be included in the National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting in New York's Jewish Museum. Irwin Segelstein, vice chairman of the board of NBC, said recently that he was delighted to provide broadcast material for use

by scholars and students interested in studying Jewish experience.

The first programmes sent to the museum include 10 shows from NBC TV's *Eternal Light* show, which was broadcast from 1952 to 1972. They include a conversation with Yigael Yadin, a programme on Shalom Aleichem and a profile of Eli Wiesel. Also included is a special programme on the Eichmann trial. The National Jewish Archive of Broadcasting was established by a grant from the Charles Revson Foundation.

PS ISRAEL TV recently received a favourable review from Amin Hawidi, a former member of the Egyptian government. Hawidi, writing in the Egyptian leftist paper *Al-Ahali*, said he watched Israel TV's programme in Arabic during a visit to Jordan and found it "objective and intelligent," including those items relating to Egypt and the rest of the Arab world. Hawidi added that he wished Egypt's media could be as good and fair as Israel TV in Arabic, "in order that we can be respected." J.S.I.

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